

LANGUAGE PLACEMENT & ADVANCED STANDING

Entering students who have completed two or more years of high school study in a language, who have been awarded credit for language work at another college or university, or who are native speakers, bilingual, or have spoken the language at home, may enroll in a course in the same language only after being placed by examination. The placement exam may have been taken in high school (SAT II, taken after the last course, or AP, if the score was 4 or 5) or at Cornell (Language Placement [LP] test). Students should seek to satisfy the language requirement in their first years at Cornell. A student with test scores one or more years old may be required to re-take the Cornell placement test if the instructor deems it necessary. The Cornell Advanced Standing Examination (CASE) places students in the appropriate advanced level course. While you may receive credit for the CASE exam, this credit does not count as Arts and Sciences credit. CASE exam credit is determined by the individual college/school.

Language Placement Tests

The following language placement and advanced standing tests are scheduled at the beginning of each semester:

- American Sign Language: departmental examination; please refer to the ASL website (<https://linguistics.cornell.edu/american-sign-language/>).
- Arabic: departmental examination, Department of Near Eastern Studies, 409 White Hall.
- Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Japanese, and Korean (some of which are available online; please refer to the Asian Studies website (<http://asianstudies.cornell.edu/placement/>)).
- French, Italian, and Spanish (please see below and refer to the Romance Studies website (<https://romancestudies.cornell.edu/placement-testing-and-transfer-credit/>)).

All students who have taken at least two years of high school language (French, Italian, and Spanish) should register in COLLT (<https://collt.lrc.cornell.edu/>) and then consult with the Romance Studies website (<https://romancestudies.cornell.edu/placement-testing-and-transfer-credit/>) for placement guides.

The advanced standing examination in French, German, Italian, and Spanish, is called the CASE (Cornell Advanced Standing Examination). Eligibility for the CASE may be determined from the placement tables.

Native speakers of Spanish who have completed their secondary education in a Spanish-speaking country do not take the CASE. For these students, the Spanish program offers a walk-in service, the Native Language Accreditation for Spanish (NLAS), in the third week of September and the first week of February. Students interested in this service should consult the Romance Studies webpage to see who administers the NLAS exam. The NLAS examiner can officially exempt a native speaker from the language requirement. Speakers of Spanish who completed their secondary education in a non-Spanish-speaking country are required to present an LP test score (<http://collt.lrc.cornell.edu/>) or to take the CASE exam when eligible to determine appropriate placement.

- German: please see below and refer to the German department website (<https://german.cornell.edu/undergraduate-studies/>).
- Greek, Ancient: departmental examination, Department of Classics, 120 Goldwin Smith Hall.

- Hebrew: departmental examination, Department of Near Eastern Studies, 409 White Hall.
- Latin: departmental examination, Department of Classics, 120 Goldwin Smith Hall.
- Persian: departmental examination, Department of Near Eastern Studies, 409 White Hall.
- Russian: please refer to the Russian Language Program website (<http://russian.cornell.edu/>).
- Turkish: departmental examination, Department of Near Eastern Studies, 409 White Hall.
- Ukrainian: please refer to the Ukrainian Program website (<https://ukrainian.as.cornell.edu/>).
- Yiddish: departmental examination, Program of Jewish Studies, 409 White Hall.

Note: Cornell does not recognize IB test scores for placement in language courses, please follow the general instructions above.

Placement Tests for French, German, Italian, and Spanish

French Placement Test

SAT II	AP	LP-French	Language Courses
below 410	N/A	below 37	FREN 1210
410 - 480	N/A	37-44	FREN 1220
490-590	N/A	45-55	FREN 1230
600 - 680	AP French Language (Score of 4), 3 credits	56-64	FREN 2070, FREN 2080, or FREN 2090
690 and above	AP French Language (score of 5), 3 credits or AP French Literature (score of 4 or 5), 3 credits	65 and above	CASE exam required for placement

German Placement Test

SAT II	AP	Language Courses
below 690	N/A	German Placement test required for placement.
690 and above	AP German Language	CASE required for placement.
N/A	(score of 4 or 5)	Credit is based on departmental examination.

Italian Placement Test

SAT II	AP	LP-Italian	Language Courses
below 370	N/A	below 37	ITAL 1201 (Fall only) or ITAL 1401 (Spring only)
370 - 450	N/A	37-48	ITAL 1202 (Spring only)

460-680	N/A	49-64	ITAL 2201 (Fall only)
690 and above	AP Italian Language (score of 4 or 5), 3 credits or AP Italian Literature (score of 4 or 5), 3 credits	65 and above	CASE exam required for placement.

Spanish Placement Test

LP-Spanish	Language Courses	Upper-Level Courses
below 37	SPAN 1210 (Fall only)	N/A
37-44	SPAN 1220 (Spring only) or SPAN 1120 (Fall only)	N/A
45 - 55	SPAN 1230, SPAN 1250	N/A
56 - 64	SPAN 2070, SPAN 2090, SPAN 2000 or equivalent	N/A
65 and above ¹	N/A	CASE required for placement.
A score of 4 or 5 on AP Spanish Language	N/A	LPS required for placement & CASE required if eligible.
A score of 4 or 5 on AP Spanish Literature	N/A	LPS required for placement & CASE required if eligible.
SAT II	N/A	All students required to take the LPS.

¹ Students who get a 65 or higher on the LPS test at the end of SPAN 1120 or SPAN 1220 are not eligible to take the CASE exam; instead, they should enroll directly into SPAN 2070, SPAN 2090, SPAN 2000 (or the equivalent).